

various organizations has helped make the local community a better place to live. In recognition of his many contributions to the community, Mr. Siano will be honored by the Astoria/Long Island City Kiwanis Club as "Kiwanian of the Year."

A lifetime New Yorker, Mr. Siano was born and raised in Brooklyn and attended New York University. As a young man, Mr. Siano joined the U.S. Navy and served as medic. After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy, Mr. Siano completed his education and received his degree in mortuary science.

An enthusiastic and dedicated community advocate, Mr. Siano is an active member of many organizations. Past president of the Astoria/Long Island City Kiwanis, Mr. Siano is now board chairman. Mr. Siano was also a CCD instructor, board president of Trinity Players, and has received the Walter M. Mitchie Community Service Award from the 114th Civilian Observation Patrol, and is involved with many other church and civic organizations.

Mr. Siano is also distinguished within his profession, having been honored with the Pursuit of Excellence Award since 1995 by the National Funeral Directors Association. Mr. Siano is presently vice president of Thomas Quinn and Son's Funeral Home, Inc. In addition, Mr. Siano is the vice president of the Broadway Merchants and Professionals Association.

Mr. Siano is described by his peers as a man of boundless energy and commitment to the community he has been a part of for the past thirty years. In recognition of these outstanding achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Tony Siano as "Kiwanian of the Year."

IN HONOR OF THE COMMUNITY
PROBLEM SOLVING TEAM OF
THE QUEST PROGRAM

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Community Problem Solving Team of the Quest Program at the Dr. John Howard, Jr. School in East Orange, NJ. Working through various mediums, this group of fourth, fifth, and sixth graders has sought to combat the growing problem of gangs in their community.

Using their peer influence, these students reach out to elementary school children to teach them the dangers of gang involvement. They have made it their mission to educate the community through publishing monthly gang awareness newsletters, organizing a unity celebration night against gangs, organizing a kids against gangs rally, participating in an inmate day with gang members currently serving time in prison, as well as creating a website to inform students of the dangers of gangs. With the goal of educating others to prevent gang involvement and violence, these students have demonstrated that they are truly inspiring members of the community. Volunteering over 400 hours to this project, the dedication of this team has been outstanding.

These exceptional students will represent New Jersey at the International Competition in

Storrs, CT, June 4–8, 2003, having placed first in the New Jersey junior division of the Problem Solving Component of the International Future Problem Solving Program. It is with great pride that I recognize the Community Problem Solving Team of the Quest Program in East Orange, New Jersey. These young people have taken great strides to assist the members of their community and to see that they have a part in securing a healthy future for our country. Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in wishing the Quest Program continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE INSTITUTES OF
THE AMERICAS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Institutes of the Americas on their 20th anniversary. Since 1983 the IOA has improved the opportunities for and relationships among companies and individuals who currently conduct or hope to conduct business in America.

In this age of international cooperation the Institute of the Americas has played a vital role in creating greater understanding and interaction between the United States, Canada and the countries of Latin America. With strong Latin American participation, this independent Inter-American organization has become a trusted and respected catalyst for dialog and problem solving. Its relationship with the University of California, San Diego gives the Institute added depth and balance in its quest to develop building blocks for Latin America's progress and stability.

Since its creation the Institute of the Americas has met its goal of becoming a significant catalyst for promoting development and integration as a means to improve the economic, political and social well-being of the people of the Americas. I want to congratulate the Institute, and all those associated with it, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary, extending sincere wishes for continued success.

IN HONOR OF ENGLEWOOD'S
JUBILEE II

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the City of Englewood, Colorado, on the occasion of its Centennial Anniversary. I am truly honored to have the privilege of representing this outstanding community in the United States Congress. The City of Englewood will celebrate 100 years of colorful history and development on May 13, 2003.

The Englewood area has a rich and colorful history. In the mid 1800's, the Ute Indians, buffalo, elk, antelope and other animals inhabited this alpine plateau. In 1858, gold was discovered in this area and the first gold mining camp was set up at the mouth of Little Dry Creek. As in many mining enclaves in the

West, this miner's camp quickly became a popular spot for gambling, saloons and road-houses. By 1903, the inhabitants of this prairie community wanted to burnish a solid community reputation and the Town of Englewood was incorporated on May 13, 1903.

The City of Englewood has grown from its original prairie confines and a small gold mining camp, to become a city with a rich tradition of hospitality, vitality and amenities for residents and visitors alike. Englewood has become an urban mainstay of the southern Metro Denver area with a diverse population of over 31,000 residents.

Englewood offers the congenial and sociable atmosphere of an authentic community with all the benefits of the larger adjacent metropolitan area. The City of Englewood has become a prominent business center, which is home to 1,841 businesses within industrial, manufacturing, and service sectors and enjoys a full-time employment base of approximately 23,500 jobs.

The City Englewood is also fortunate to have outstanding cadre of public safety personnel including 56 firefighters, 73 full and part-time law enforcement personnel, 4 reserve officers, 36 support personnel, and 16 code enforcement personnel to safeguard the health and safety of residents, visitors and employers of the City of Englewood.

The unique appeal of Englewood, coupled with the business and cultural amenities of the Rocky Mountain Region, make it an exceptional place to call home for both residents and businesses. With excellent access, a strong employee base and business-friendly government, Englewood has long been the location of choice for successful businesses—boasting more jobs and businesses per square mile than any other city in the Rocky Mountains.

Under its progressive civic leadership, the City of Englewood has designed and built Englewood City Center. It replaced an aging suburban shopping mall and has become an outstanding multi-use urban civic center. This 55-acre public/private urban design project has coordinated the complex needs of city government, regional transportation system, national retailers and homebuilders, and nonprofit cultural organizations. It has transformed a single-use facility into a multi-purpose transit oriented development that is safely accessible by train, bus, car, bike and pedestrians.

Englewood's access to the region's superior light rail transportation system helps to meet the needs of local business and the city's residents. This unique transportation amenity offers convenient, quick, and inexpensive access to Englewood's cultural, educational, entertainment, recreational, and business activities from throughout the Denver Metropolitan area. Englewood's central location makes the area a natural transportation hub, and offers a mere 15-minute commute to downtown Denver.

The City of Englewood has been on the forefront of housing and community development by promoting and providing a varied mix of housing opportunities including affordable housing, expandable housing for different life-cycle stages, workforce housing opportunities, and housing for special needs.

Englewood is responsible for maintaining sizable high quality civic infrastructure including 310 acres of parks and open space, 118 miles of City streets, and over 2,558 acres of